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Dated : 10th February, 2015.

To,

The Secretary,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi.

Sub :- Improvement in electoral rolls- submission of comments-regarding

Ref :- Commission's letter No 23/1/2015-ERS dated 7th February, 2015

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Commission's letter on subject mentioned above I am directed to state that we have no comments to offer on the proposed measures for improvement in electoral rolls.

In this regards, it is to inform that the following difficulties will be faced in Arunachal Pradesh while implementing the proposed measures;

1. Online activities such as E-Seva, Web portal of NVSP, SMS Gate way, face book, you tube, twitter etc will not be possible due to poor internet connectivity.
2. On spot activities such as change of address, modification, deletion, correction, issue voter slip and EPIC etc will not be possible due to poor Power supply.
3. Linking of Aadhar documents would not be possible as the issuance of Aadhar cards is in initial stage.
4. Other documents such as Passport, driving licenses, PAN card, TIN Number are not available with the voters of rural areas.

Yours faithfully

(G. Tekseng)
Jt Chief Electoral Officer

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Government of Assam,
Election Department, Dispur.

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Dated 12th February, 2015.

To,
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Secretary, Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
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Sub: Improvement of Electoral Rolls – regarding.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above and ECI's Letter No. 23/1/2015-ERS Dated 7th February, 2015 I am directed to say that a special drive for cleaning the electoral rolls off errors, multiple entries etc shall be under taken in the state and draft guide lines appear to be in order. However following point is brought to your notice-

"100% linked and authenticated by Bio metric data of Adhar and in absence of non coverage of Adhar by one of the five documents namely passport, driving licence, PAN card, TIN number or by Bank account" may not be feasible immediately as Adhar card work has not yet started in Assam and other 5 documents also may not be possessed by many people.

Yours faithfully

Joint Chief Electoral Officer,
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Letter no. ER2-01/2015- 452. Patna, dated 10 February, 2015.

From

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To

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Election Commission of India,
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New Delhi - 110001.

Sub.: Improvement in Electoral Rolls - regarding.

Ref.: ECI letter no. 23/1/2015-ERS dated 7th February, 2015.

Sir,

Please refer to the above mentioned ECI letter. I would like to bring to your kind attention the following points for consideration:-

1. The term of Bihar Legislative Assembly is going to expire on 29.11.2015. Thus, the proposal of intensive revision of Electoral Roll w.r.t. 01.01.2016 as qualifying date can not be undertaken in this state (with proposed draft publication on 01.10.2015) as election to the Bihar Legislative Assembly is to be held in Oct-Nov, 2015 in normal course.
2. The facility of online registration on National Voters' Service Portal (NVSP) for the citizens is not linked with the CEO, Bihar Online Registration Portal/ERMS. The ECI Online Registration Portal was earlier linked with Online Registration Portal of CEO, Bihar so that any citizen of Bihar applying on the ECI portal was redirected to the CEO portal for its scrutiny and disposal by the respective ERO. This facility has been discontinued in the newly launched National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) on ECI's website. This needs to be addressed urgently.
3. The soft copy of text roll data of finally published electoral roll w.r.t. 01.01.2015 as qualifying date was handed over to the ECI technical team on 19.01.2015. However the data on National Electoral Search hosted on ECI website has not been updated till date.

It is therefore requested that concerned officials may kindly be instructed to update the National Electoral Search data and to link the National Voters' Service Portal (NVSP) with online registration portal of Bihar as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

(Ajay Nayak)
Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar.

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Sub: Suggestions regarding.
Ref.: Yours letter number 23/01/2015-ERS, Dated 07th
February, 2015.

In respect of your abovementioned, following suggestions may
be taken into account regarding the proposed ERPAD:-

(i) While organising camps for voluntary self disclosure of
duplicates/errors in the voter lists can be a part of the campaign of
cleaning the rolls, the campaign, per se needs to be much more
comprehensive in the form of door to door survey by the BLO, under
supervision of state officers along with :-

(a) The working copy of the rolls.

(b) List of duplicates.

(c) List of errors.

On the basis of his filed verifications, EROs/AEROS would
proceed to delete duplicates/correct errors as per rules besides.
during the survey the BLO will be tasked to take Aadhar number, if
any of the voter, along with mobile no./e-mail ID. He will also, on
the basis of his verification draw up the ASD list (List of
Absentee/shifted or without with family linkage & dead voters) and
submit the same to ERO/AERO.

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- (ii) The abovementioned campaign should be state^{CE} may fix an end date, but the States should be^{CE} their various components of their campaigns specific requirements. They can be asked to before the end date specific by the ECI.
- (iii) In pursuance of (ii) States may^{CE} be asked to plans in advance with the ECI, which can then a real time basis.
- (iv) Particular days may be earmarked for camps will be available for on the spot correction, letter.
- (v) The ERPAD campaign should be properly put voters he solicited in this task.

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- (ii) The abovementioned campaign should be state driven i.e. The ECI may fix an end date, but the States ^{CEOs} should be allowed to dateline their various components of their campaigns according to state specific requirements. They can be asked to finish the campaign before the end date specific by the ECI.
- (iii) In pursuance of (ii) States may ^{CEOs} be asked to ^t submit their action plans in advance with the ECI, which can then monitor the same on a real time basis.
- (iv) Particular days may be earmarked for camps where EROs/AEROs will be available for on the spot correction, as described in your letter.
- (v) The ERPAD campaign should be properly publicised and support of voters he solicited in this task.

(Nidhi Chhabber)
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Sub: Improvement in Electoral Rolls - regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to Election Commission's letter No. 23/1/2015-ERS dated 7th February, 2015 on the subject noted above.

The suggestions /inputs from this office are as under:

1. There are four kinds of Revision, namely, (i) intensive, (ii) summary, (iii) partly intensive and partly summary, (iv) special as mentioned in para 27 of Chapter I of Handbook for Electoral Registration Officers. It has been mentioned in the above letter of Commission that the Commission is considering special intensive revision (de-novo preparation) of electoral rolls. By this, it is understood that entire roll is to be prepared afresh without reference to the earlier existing roll. If the entire roll is to be prepared de-novo, it requires at least one years' time. However it is our view that since the BLOs make frequent house visits and rolls are continuously being updated, special intensive revision (de-novo) is not necessary.

Therefore, though house to house visit is not mentioned in the Commission's letter, we recommend a Special Summary Revision in which the BLOs will make house to house visits with BLO register and will check the details of the roll, such as addition, deletion, correction, duplicate entries, shifted electors etc. Before this house to house visits by the BLOs, the Photo voter slips will be distributed to the electors.

We propose to take up this exercise from 1st July to 30th August, 2015.

2. To meet the challenges as described in the Commission's letter regarding Polling Station rationalization, it will take 4 to 6 months. If this exercise is to be done properly, it should be taken up before the House to House enumeration by the BLO is started i.e. before 1st July,

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2015. A schedule may be drawn starting from the 15th March, 2015 and completing on 30th June, 2015.

3. For undertaking PS rationalisation, a detailed process (publishing draft of the polling stations, inviting suggestions from the public and political parties, preparing nazari naksha etc.) to be followed should also be decided.

4. As the Sector Officers and the BLOs will be engaged in this exercise of PS rationalisation and house to house verification for about 4 months, they should be paid additional remuneration. At present BLOs are being paid Rs.5000/- annually. We suggest Rs. 3000/- for the BLOs as additional remuneration. We also suggest Rs.2500/- for Sector Officers as one time remuneration for supervising the whole exercise of house to house visits.

5. As regards the training, training of Sector Officers and BLOs should be completed between 15th June and 30th June, 2015 i.e. just before undertaking House to House survey.

6. We also recommend direct one day training for the District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers by the Election Commission through video conferencing.

7. Regarding linking Adhaar Data, we have tied up the matter with the Civil Supplies department as presently they have taken up house to house survey and are collecting various data including Aadhar and EPIC number. They have also adopted a validation process with UID office. On the basis of data collected by Civil Supplies Department, we will seed available Aadhar numbers with the electoral roll. Whatever will be left, will be covered by BLOs during House to House survey.

8. To achieve 100 % linked and authenticated E- Roll, necessary columns will require to be added in the BLO register to enter the details of Adhaar Card Number, Passport, Driving License, PAN Card, TIN No. Bank account number etc. Further, for proper mapping of area covered by an Assembly Constituency upto PS level, details of Nazari Naksha, PS demarcation etc. will be added in the BLO register. A certificate to the effect that there is no overlapping between any two polling stations and between adjoining Assembly Constituencies may be obtained from the concerned Electoral Registration Officers. A revised BLO register incorporating all the above points will be prepared by us and sent to Election Commission for approval by mid-March, 2015.

9. For voluntary disclosure of multiple entries and authentication of records by the voters, an exact methodology should be outlined.

10. Suggestion of daily hearing and disposal by Electoral Registration Officer/Assistant Electoral Registration Officer does not seem feasible, as they have their regular and statutory revenue and

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law and order work to be done. Instead weekly monitoring by Electoral Registration Officer and one fixed day hearing during the week by the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer is recommended. Daily hearing by the Electoral Registration Officer is not recommended.

11. We will require necessary directions in writing from the Commission addressed to the Chief Secretary of the States to start 'Matdar Suvidha Kendras' at Taluka level for tatkal correction of particulars of elector or change / replacement of photograph in EPIC. We already have MSKs at District level and E-gram at village level. However efficient and hassle free correction and modification will require taluka level MSK to be started.

12. Effective SVEEP campaign will require necessary funds from the Election Commission. Further, States should be at liberty to plan their own SVEEP activities according to local culture, conditions etc. As regards publicity on radio, it is suggested that the Commission may call a meeting of all FM channels for national partnership.

13. It has been mentioned in the Commission's letter that elector's enrolment data cannot be deleted without his consent. This requires to be re-considered in view of Rule 21A of Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. As per this statutory provision, Electoral Registration Officer can delete the name of the elector after following the due procedure. Similarly instructions about suo-moto deletion may also be incorporated in the proposed guidelines for improvement of Electoral Roll.

14. The date of draft publication may be declared as 1st September, 2015 and final publication may be extended to mid-February, 2016 in order to give sufficient time to EROs for quality disposal of claims and objections. In view of this, issuing EPICs to new voters during the National Voters' Day, 2016 should be exempted from being part of the NVD programme.

15. On public domain, the electoral roll data should be in the image form and not in the form of pdf files.

Yours faithfully,

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Dated: 10/2/15

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To

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Subject: Improvement in Electoral Rolls – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No. 23/1/2015-ERS, dated 07.02.2015 on the subject cited above and to forward the issue wise suggestions as pertaining to Haryana State.

1. Requirement of Intensive Revision of Photo Electoral rolls

In Haryana State, Intensive Revision of electoral rolls was got done in 2002. Thereafter summary or special summary revision have been got done. House numbering in the electoral rolls was taken into consideration as were considered at the time of revision in the 1992. During the summary or special summary revision, no house numbering was got done. Most of the existing electors do not bother at their own to get their house number changed, inspite of change of their addresses. During the earlier intensive revision a practice has been there that before sending the enumerator for filling up the enumerator pad, survey work of identification of houses and their numbering was taken in hand first. Thereafter, names of eligible persons residing in that house were entered in their enumerator pad. That is why ineligible person like dead or shifted could not find place in the electoral rolls. Now due to non-intensive revision process, errors like spellings, age, address etc. already appeared in rolls have not been corrected. These corrections are usually got done as and when elector. faced problem while getting the benefit of old age pension in case of illiterate elector or at the time of getting the passport or driving license etc.

Further, in existing system, in maximum cases identification of sections and preparation of Nazri maps of polling stations do not meet the requirement of the Commission's intention i.e. a letter cannot be sent to the correct person on the basis of the address as given in the electoral rolls.

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In such a situation it is suggested that following steps may be

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taken up to make the electoral rolls clean and error free.

1. Intensive revision should be ordered for all the assembly constituencies of the State. It is necessary because it was not done even after the delimitation of assembly constituencies in 2008.
2. Presently no elections are due in the State, therefore, time of intensive revision should be kept normal.
3. In first phase of the process time for selection of expert enumerator/surveyor whose services are to be used for marking of house number and identification of sections. Responsibility of marking of house numbering and identification of section should be laid upon census and Revenue Department because maximum data of these exercise might be available with them.
4. Digital maps of polling stations showing all identified sections and landmarks should be prepared.
5. Suitable time must be given for printing of Enumerator pad, concerned format and also existing rolls which should also be used during survey, like 2002.
6. Clear instructions and guidelines should be prepared first for use by all like surveyors, enumerators, supervisors by enumerating the duties and responsibilities and be made available to them atleast 10 days before the start of the work.
7. Seeding of Aadhaar Number of elector in the electoral rolls is a good idea. For this purpose a column should be made in the concerned format required for collecting information of the elector.
8. SVEEP activities as per present system are sufficient.
9. Use of BLA if appointed by the political parties is also useful but some restrictions should be there so that they cannot give political shape to their exercise.
10. Fresh data of electoral rolls after intensive revision should be created by using present control tables.
11. After the above exercise and revision concept of daily hearing and disposal of EROs/ AEROs should be made applicable.

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12. Revision should be there only at the time of bye-elections of particular constituency and in election year and in between regular enrolment of eligible person correction in entries, deletions etc. should be done on regular basis and electoral rolls should be published as draft by merging the data of electors enrolled after final publication.

13. Administrative units existing on cutoff date should be taken for revision and should not undergo any change till completion of process.

Yours faithfully,

M/S 10/2/15
Deputy Superintendent,
for Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana.

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Sir,
Please refer to your letter No.23/1/2015-ERS dated 7th February 2015 on improvement of E Rolls.

The guidelines suggested by the Commission under ERPAD are quite good for achieving the objective of having a clean and healthy E Roll. However, nothing is seen mentioned about the preparation of an updated E Roll of Service Electors. The possibility of linking the data of Service personnel available with the Ministry of Defense (MOD) to the proposed national E Roll database may also be explored.

Y/F

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Subject : *Improvement in Electoral Rolls - regarding.*

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 23/1/2015-ERS dated 7th February, 2015 I am to state that Special Intensive Revision will be very effective in weeding out errors and duplicate entries in the electoral rolls and ERPAD will help to keep the Electoral Roll 100% clean and error free in the future. However, I would like to state that additional authentication document like birth certificate may be authorized (ref. point 3 - Main Objectives of ERPAD) since there are many people who do not have Adhaar nor any of the mentioned documents.

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